HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT[605]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2349, division VIII, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to adopt new Chapter 15, "Mass Notification and Emergency Messaging System," Iowa Administrative Code.

New Chapter 15 is intended to implement 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2349, division VIII, which creates a statewide mass notification and emergency messaging system. This system is to be used by state and local authorities to provide timely notification to the public when an emergency situation is happening that poses a threat to life and property and requires the public to take immediate action. This chapter will specify how state and local agencies shall access and utilize the system. This chapter includes how application is made to access and utilize the system, minimum operational plans and procedures, and how to access personal information that is provided by the public.

Consideration shall be given to all written comments or suggestions on the proposed new chapter received on or before December 2, 2014. Such written material should be sent to the Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, 7900 Hickman Road, Suite 500, Windsor Heights, Iowa 50324.

There will be a public hearing on December 2, 2014, at 1 p.m. in the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Cyclone Conference Room, 7900 Hickman Road, Suite 500, Windsor Heights, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the new chapter.

After analysis and review, the Department finds that it is possible this filing will have a positive fiscal impact in multiple counties within Iowa. Counties will not be charged a fee to access the system. Counties that presently incur an expense to access a system of their choice can eliminate this expense from their budgets by using the statewide system.

These rules were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 1712C**. The content of that submission is incorporated by reference.

After analysis and review, the Department does not anticipate any impact to jobs within Iowa.

These rules are intended to implement 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2349, division VIII.